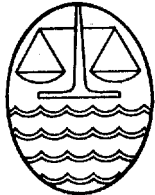




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Article I

Definitions

For the purpose of these articles:

- (a) the term "enclosed sea" shall refer to a small body of inland waters surrounded by two or more States which is connected to the open seas by a narrow outlet.
- (b) the term "semi-enclosed sea" shall refer to a sea basin located along the margins of the main ocean basins and enclosed by the land territories of two or more States.

Article II

The general rules set out in this convention shall apply to an enclosed or semi-enclosed sea in a manner consistent with the special characteristics of these seas and the needs and interests of their coastal States.

Article III

The preservation and protection of the marine environment of an enclosed or semi-enclosed sea and the management of its resources shall be the responsibility of the coastal States. To this end the coastal States may, in addition to global norms;

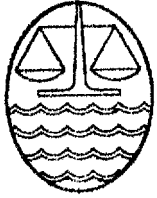
- (a) adopt regional rules and standards aimed at the better protection of their environment against marine pollution.
- (b) co-ordinate their activities in relation to the management and exploitation of the renewable resources of the enclosed or semi-enclosed sea under regional arrangements.

Article IV

Scientific research in an enclosed or semi-enclosed sea shall be conducted only with the consent of the coastal States concerned.



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Article IV

Last line: For coastal States concerned read coastal State concerned
